CLAIMS

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9.   (Previously Presented) A safety rope system for preventing injury to a user should the user fall from an elevated position, the user being supported in the elevated position by a platform, seat, or other device, the user not being supported by the safety rope system except in the case of a fall from, or failure of, the platform, seat, or other device, the safety rope system comprising:

a safety harness to be worn by the user;

a standing rope line for attachment to a tree, pole, or the like, with a first end of the standing rope line being adapted to be secured to the tree, pole, or the like; and

a sliding rope coupler for attaching the safety harness to the standing rope line, the sliding rope coupler comprising a length of rope with multiple loops wrapped about the standing line of rope to be slidable along at least a portion of the length of the standing rope line, with the sliding rope coupler having its ends joined together for attaching the safety harness thereadjacent, wherein said sliding rope coupler is freely repositionable along said standing rope line when not loaded, but resists sudden downward movement relative to said standing rope line when under load,

wherein the safety harness, the standing rope line, and the sliding rope coupler do not support the weight of the user except in the event that the platform, seat, or other device should fail or the user should fall off thereof.

10.   (Previously presented) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein said the first end of the standing rope line comprises a looped portion.

11.   (Previously presented) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein said standing rope line comprises a clip.

12.   (Cancelled)

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13.   (Previously presented) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein the sliding rope coupler is made from a rope that has a smaller diameter than that of the standing rope line.

14.   (Previously presented) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein the sliding rope coupler comprises a Prusik hitch.

15.   (Withdrawn) The safety rope system of Claim 9, further comprising a carabiner for releasably securing the sliding rope coupler to the safety harness.

16.   (Previously presented) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein said safety harness comprises a belt.

17.   (Withdrawn) The safety rope system of Claim 9, wherein said safety harness comprises a multi-point body harness.

18. – 21.   (Cancelled)

22.   (Withdrawn)   A safety rope system for preventing injury to a user should the user fall from an elevated position, the user being supported in the elevated position by a platform, seat, or other device, the user not being supported by the safety rope system except in the case of a fall from, or failure of, the platform, seat, or other device, the safety rope system comprising:

       a multi-point safety harness to be worn by the user;

       a standing rope line for attachment to a tree, pole, or the like, with a first end of the standing rope line being formed as a loop to be secured to the tree, pole, or the like;

       a sliding rope coupler comprising a Prusik hitch for attaching the safety harness to the standing rope line, the Prusik hitch comprising a length of rope with multiple loops wrapped about the standing line of rope to be slidably repositionable along at least a portion of the length of the standing rope line, with the sliding rope coupler having its ends

joined together for attaching the safety harness thereadjacent, wherein the sliding rope coupler is made from a rope that has a smaller diameter than that of the standing rope line, and wherein the sliding rope coupler is freely repositionable along the standing rope line when not loaded, but resists sudden downward movement relative to the standing rope line when under load; and

a clip for releasably securing the multi-point safety harness to the sliding rope coupler,

wherein the multi-point safety harness, the standing rope line, and the sliding rope coupler do not support the weight of the user except in the event that the platform, seat, or other device should fail or the user should fall off thereof.